

B4L**Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assoc.****Representing Baca, Bent, Kiowa, Otero & Prowers counties ♦ Organized in 1870**

The 144th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Kevin Hefley at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Otero Junior College's Student Center in La Junta, Colo. There were about 30 members in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members. A legislative report was given by State Sen. Larry Crowder (R-35). Industry reports were given by Jo Ann McEndree, Colo. CattleWomen president-elect; Fred Lombardi, Colo. Beef Council director; Terry Fankhauser, CCA exec. vice president, and Travis Black, Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

Several members left, due to the white-out conditions. Following a break, Pres. Kevin opened the business meeting at 4:30 p.m. and by consensus, the association approved cancelling the live band for the evening and the afternoon's power point presentation was eliminated.

Steve McEndree moved and Bruce Fickenscher seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2012 annual meeting minutes and approve them as written. Motion passed by voice vote.

Joe Kasza presented the audit committee's report and the budget. He moved and David Mendenhall seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion passed on a voice vote. Pat Karney presented the Endowment Trust's statement of condition and financial statement. He moved and Nolan Davis seconded to approve the Endowment Trust summary. Motion passed by voice vote.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, First Vice President Reggy Lusk presented the resolutions committee's resolutions:

Proposed Resolution #1 to honor deceased members:

WHEREAS, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence. We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Reggy Lusk so moved and the membership seconded in a unified stand to recognize the deceased. There were no other resolutions presented.

The nominating committee report was given by Immediate Past Pres. Lori Chase, with the slate of: Reggy Lusk, president; Bill Hancock, 1st vice president; Pat Ptolemy, 2nd vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer; Baca County directors, Cade Hasser, Amanda McEndree, Steve McEndree and Clint Mundell; for Bent County directors, Tim Erickson, Pat Karney, Joe Kasza, and Colby Mick; for Kiowa County directors, Bruce Fickenscher, and Tyler Karney; for Otero County directors, Bill Gray, Leon Leonard, and Dave Mendenhall; and for Prowers County directors, Nolan Davis, Amber Freouf, Leonard Pruett and Milton Rink were nominated.

Hans Hasser moved and Pat Karney seconded to close nominations and accept the director slate by acclamation. Motion passed on a voice vote. Chase also reported that Kevin Hefley and Timy Trosper will join her as three past presidents rounding out the board.

There was no further business. Hefley adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Russell, secretary